



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 49-17

1st - 8th December 2017

INCIDENT DISPOSITION	IN THIS ISSUE
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OVERVIEW

MDAT – GoG reports are primarily based upon information sent by vessels using the Voluntary Reporting scheme. Masters and CSOs are encouraged to report as early as possible, events or sightings with as much detail as possible to allow MDAT-GOG to initiate the appropriate response. Sometimes incomplete reports cause delay to the issue of warnings and our ability to contact Local Navy assets for assistance. Masters are requested to call MDAT-GoG (+33 298 228888) at the time of any incident occurring. This phone number is monitored permanently (24/7). It is requested the Masters contact MDAT-GoG as soon as possible to facilitate quicker actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

Details can be found on SHOM Chart 8801CSD or UKHO Chart Q6114, 30 June 2016, to allow them to report their vessels when transiting the revised Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA), also described on both security charts with the MDAT-GOG, using the email address watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org

Companies / Ships Exercises: MDAT-GOG would like to extend an invitation to Companies / CSOs to be included in Company led exercises/drills. Please do not hesitate to contact the MDAT-GOG in advance of the exercise. The Exercise telephone number is +33 298 221302. As this keeps the Live Emergency Line free.

Fair winds and following seas!

Four events have been reported to MDAT-GoG this week:

- **One incident that occurred last week has been updated.**
- **Three new incidents**

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION
Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service (SHOM) Best Management Practice (BMP) United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) IMB Live Piracy Reports



★ Hijack - Kidnap - Attack
 ★ Robbery - Theft - Boarding
 ★ Suspicious approach Irregular activity
 ★ Miscellaneous

Date	Type	Brg/Rge from nearest shore	Summary of event
01/12/2017	KIDNAP	200°/60NM from Bonny, NIGERIA	<p>This event is an update of attack that occurred on 1st December and which was already in Weekly Report 48-17.</p> <p>At 09:00Zhrs in position 03°28N – 006°50E, a merchant vessel was attacked and boarded by at least 6 pirates. Captain is alleged to have been abducted.</p> <p>MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to Warning 001/DEC/17 and its updates</p>
02/12/2017	THEFT	90°/5NM from Takoradi, GHANA	<p>At 02:00Zhrs in position 04°54N – 001°42W, a merchant vessel anchored at Takoradi anchorage was boarded by one person, five others were waiting in two nearby boats. A fire hose, computer and monitor were reported missing. A navy patrol boat was dispatched to the area.</p> <p>MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to Advisory 001/DEC/17</p>
07/12/2017	BOARDING ATTEMPT	180°/50NM from Bonny, NIGERIA	<p>At 05:30Zhrs in position 03°31N – 007°07E, a merchant vessel was approached by a wooden boat, fishing type, with 8 armed POB wearing masks. An attempt to board the vessel with a ladder was aborted due to evasive manoeuvres anti-piracy actions. Vessel and crew are safe.</p> <p>MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to Advisory 002/DEC/17</p>
07/12/2017	SUSPICIOUS APPROACH	180/110NM from Bonny, NIGERIA	<p>At 19:05Zhrs in position 02°32N – 007°01E, a merchant vessel en-route at a distance of 110NM from the nearest shore was approached by 2 fast boats closing to a distance of 300 yards. Suspicious vessel aborted the chase when merchant vessel executed evasive manoeuvres and anti-piracy measures.</p> <p>MDAT-GOG comment : This event refers to Advisory 003/DEC/17</p>

WEEKLY EVENTS

(1) Hijack - Kidnap:

One incident to report (Update of event occurred last week). See details in P2.

(2) Boarding – Boarding attempt:

One incident to report. See details in P2.

(3) Attack:

Nil incidents to report.

(4) Robbery – Sea theft:

One incident to report. See details in P2.

(5) Suspicious approach:

One incident to report. See details in P2.

(6) Sighting – Irregular activity:

Nil incidents to report.

WARNINGS

Nil WARNING issued this week.

ADVISORIES

Three ADVISORIES issued this week.

001/DEC/17: Theft on merchant vessel issued on 2nd December

002/DEC/17: Attack on merchant vessel issued on 2nd December – Reclassified as boarding attempt.

003/DEC/17: Suspicious activity issued on 8th December – Reclassified as suspicious approach

CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:

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Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 13 02 (exercise)

Phones and mail are monitored 24/7.

NOTES

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices ring:

0033 298 22 88 88 only, for further information.

ADVISORIES are not Classified as a Maritime Security Events and have not been verified by MDAT-GoG. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. MDAT-GoG is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.